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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very disappointed with the Microsoft settlement. As one who has tried to use non-Microsoft software, I think it is clear that Microsoft has an effective monopoly on the software industry.

For example, many years ago I had a large investment in Digital Research's DR-DOS. I had made this investment because was technically superior to MS-DOS in almost every respect.

I was forced to abandon this investment when I needed to run an application requiring a graphical interface. I first attempted to run Microsoft Windows 3.1 on DR-DOS and found it wouldn't work. When I called Microsoft's Help Line, they refused to talk to me until I completely replaced DR-DOS with MS-DOS. It is now clear that the problem which prevented me from using DR-DOS was not a defect, but the result of Microsoft's deliberate design decision made for the specific purpose of forcing me --- and many others like me --- to buy Microsoft products that we neither needed nor wanted.

As an engineer, I have seen this repeated many times. Microsoft intentionally sells products that do not interoperate with others for the specific purpose of driving competitors out of the marketplace.

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